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SUBJECT: TARIFF CONCESSIONS: GREEK REQUEST FOR RELIEF ON ASP
DUTY FOR FOOTWEAR

1. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY EVERT HAS WRITTEN THE
EMBASSY REQUESTING AN EXCEPTION FROM THE AMERICAN SELLING
PRICE (ASP) DUTY FOR FOOTWEAR FROM GREECE. WE WOULD LIKE
TO RESPOND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE MINISTER'S LETTER
AND REQUEST WASHINGTON'S GUIDANCE ON WHAT WE CAN SAY.
IN THE MEANTIME WE ARE SENDING AN INTERIM RESPONSE
ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE LETTER AND ASSURING THE
MINISTER THAT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN
INFORMED OF HIS REQUEST. THE TEXT OF THE MINISTER'S
LETTER FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE AS YOU MAY BE AWARE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS
IMPOSED A DUTY ON FOOTWEAR INCLUDED IN THE TARIFF SCHEDULES
OF THE U.S. (TSUS) PARA. 700.60 BASED ON THE AMERICAN
SELLING PRICE (ASP). INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY IS
FOOTWEAR MADE OF TEXTILE, ROPE OR KNITTED UPPERS AND
RUBBER SOLES.

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THE PERCENTAGE OF GREEK FOOTWEAR (INCLUDED IN THE
ABOVE TSUS PARA.) IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES IS
SO INSIGNIFICANT THAT OUR REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION OF THE
ASP DUTY ON IMPORTED FOOTWEAR WILL NEITHER AFFECT
LOCAL PRICES NOR YOUR COUNTRY'S REVENUES DERIVED FROM
TARRIFS.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF TRADE RELATIONS

BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES OFTER IS HELPED BY SMALL CONCESSIONS
LIKE THE ABOVE WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHERING THE
DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN
AND GREEK PEOPLE. SIMILAR CONCESSIONS HAVE ALREADY
BEEN EXTENDED BY THE UNITED STATES TO OTHER COUNTIES.

WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION SO THAT
DURING THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS THE U.S. TRADE MISSION
WILL INCLUDE IN THE AGENDA THE TERMINATION OF ASP ON
IMPORTS OF GREEK FOOTWEAR COVERED BY TSUS PARA. 700.60.
SIGNED, THE MINISTER MILT. EVERT UNQUOTE
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